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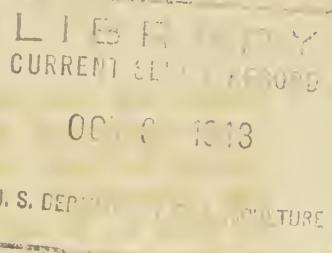
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
Agricultural Marketing Administration  
Washington, D. C.

July 2, 1942



EVAPORATED MILK MEMORANDUM NO. 4

TO: Samplers of Evaporated Milk  
FROM: Rob R. Slocum, Dairy and Poultry Branch  
SUBJECT: Announcement FSC 733 for the Purchase of Evaporated Milk

Announcement FSC 733, copy of which is attached, supersedes Announcement FSC 598 and deals with the procedure to be followed in offering evaporated milk to the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation and making delivery of the product accepted.

Several important changes are contained in this announcement and they should be carefully noted by each sampler. These changes include the following:

1. Offers may be submitted so as to be received by 10 a.m. (EWT) on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month until further notice.
2. Offers may be submitted for any quantity in multiples of maximum carloads. No tolerance will be permitted, upon delivery, in the accepted quantity.
3. Offers shall state the date on which each lot of milk will be ready for delivery.
4. The milk offered will be inspected at the request of the vendor. Such request shall be made in ample time to allow inspection to be completed prior to date of delivery.
5. Cases shall meet the specifications as described in the attached form FSC 1539-c, except that cases shall not be double-strapped for export.
6. Delivery of the evaporated milk accepted in accordance with the provisions of this announcement will be taken by the F.S.C.C. at its option within 20 days after the date or dates specified in the offer as the date or dates of delivery.

Acceptances, under this announcement, will be made only twice each month rather than each week as was done on previous announcements. Also note that all acceptances on this announcement will state the delivery date and not the date when the product will be available for sampling. All milk accepted shall be inspected prior to the delivery date as specified in the offer. The inspection shall include the sampling and laboratory analysis. The only exception to this, as stated in the announcement, is that the vendor may, upon receipt of shipping instructions, load and ship the product after sampling but before completion of the inspection; provided, however, that the vendor shall be responsible for any carlot of milk not meeting the requirements.

We suggest that you bring to the attention of all vendors the paragraph headed "INSPECTION" which specifies that the milk will be sampled at the request of the

vendor and that such request shall be made in ample time to allow the inspection to be completed prior to date of delivery. The time to allow for inspection should include sufficient time to have the sampling made, shipping of samples to the laboratory, the grading and issuing of the grading certificate. In no case is milk to be sampled after the delivery date specified in the offer without written approval that it will be acceptable to the F.S.C.C. The responsibility of requesting inspection in ample time so that inspection may be completed prior to delivery date rests with the contractor.

The samples taken for laboratory examination should either be expressed by the samplers or should be sealed and stamped with an official stamp in such a manner that they cannot be tampered with and be expressed by the contractor.

*Rob P. Strom*

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
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June 18, 1942

ANNOUNCEMENT FSC- 733 Evaporated Milk  
(Supersedes Announcement FSC 598)

The Agricultural Marketing Administration announces that it intends to purchase Evaporated Milk and is now prepared to receive offers for the sale of this product.

Offers submitted pursuant to this announcement will be accepted by, and after acceptance will become contracts with, the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, hereinafter referred to as the FSCC.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN OFFER

Offers may be submitted by letter or telegram to the Agricultural Marketing Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., attention Purchase Branch - Dairy and Poultry Section, and must state the following:

1. That the offer is made subject to the terms and conditions of Announcement FSC-733.
2. Number of cases offered of 48 - 1 1/4 1/2 ounce cans each.
3. Price, in dollars per case, f.o.b. cars, trucks, or warehouse at each delivery point.
4. Type of case, (unstrapped, but otherwise in accordance with specification FSC 1539-c)
5. Point (or points) of delivery. (Specific f.o.b. points must be given.)
6. Name of originating carrier at delivery point.
7. Date on which each lot of milk will be ready for delivery.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

In submitting an offer to sell, the following terms and provisions of this announcement shall become a part of the offer to sell and, upon acceptance by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation, the offer and acceptance shall constitute a valid and binding contract:

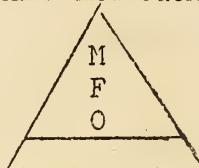
PERIOD FOR SUBMISSION OF OFFERS: Offers may be submitted so as to be received by 10:00 A.M. (EWT) on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month until further notice. Offers received after 10:00 A.M. (EWT) on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month and before the first and third Thursday of each month will not be considered. Offers received after the first and third Thursday and until the closing time for offers on the second and fourth Tuesday of each month, will be considered for acceptance unless previously withdrawn prior to closing time.

QUANTITY: Offers may be submitted for any quantity in multiples of maximum carloads. No tolerance will be permitted, upon delivery, in the accepted quantity.

QUALITY: All evaporated milk delivered to the FSCC must meet all applicable requirements of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, as amended, and all regulations pursuant thereto, in effect on the date of the offer, and must be prepared by the process of evaporating a considerable portion of the water from fresh, clean, whole milk obtained from healthy cows. The milk, at the time of delivery, shall have a clean, sweet flavor, and shall be free from scorched, acid, metallic, and other objectionable flavors and odors. It shall have a smooth, uniform body free from a curdled, lumpy, granular or otherwise defective condition, including sediment and foreign matter. The color shall be uniform and not definitely dark or otherwise defective. The product shall contain not less than 7.9 percent milk fat and not less than 25.9 percent of total milk solids.

INSPLCTION: Grading and weight certificates issued by the Agricultural Marketing Administration, United States Department of Agriculture, will govern the grades and weights of the milk to be delivered and all inspection fees and charges must be paid by the vendor. The milk offered will be inspected at the request of the vendor. Such request shall be made in ample time to allow inspection to be completed prior to date of delivery.

PACKING AND MARKING: Evaporated milk shall be packed at the rate of 14 1/2 oz. net weight in hermetically sealed cans, which cans shall be labeled with the vendor's own legal commercial labels. Unless otherwise specifically authorized by FSCC, all evaporated milk delivered shall be packed at the rate of 48 cans per case, in cases meeting the specifications described in the attached Form FSC-1539-c, except the cases shall not be double-strapped for export. Offers for milk packed in domestic corrugated or wooden cases are not desired. All cases shall be plainly marked with "Evaporated Milk, 48 - 14 1/2 oz. cans", lot number, contract number, vendor's name and such other legend as FSCC may specify including the following symbol:



DELIVERY: Delivery shall be made f.o.b. railroad cars or at the option of FSCC, f.o.b. trucks or any local warehouse specified by the FSCC, at the delivery point named in the offer. Delivery of the evaporated milk accepted in accordance with provisions hereof will be taken by the FSCC, at its option, within 20 days after the date or dates specified in the offer as the date or dates for delivery. The delivery date named in the offer shall be not later than thirty (30) days after the Tuesday on which the offer is submitted. Written acknowledgment of receipts of the milk, or receipt of bills of lading, or warehouse receipts acceptable to FSCC, together with the original and two copies of the inspection and weight certificates, shall constitute physical delivery and transfer of title. Upon receipt of shipping instructions from FSCC, the vendor shall load and ship the evaporated milk in accordance therewith. Unless otherwise specified by the FSCC, the vendor, upon receipt of shipping instructions, may load and ship the product after sampling, but before completion of inspection: Provided, however, That the vendor shall be responsible for any carlot of milk not meeting contract requirements.

ACCEPTANCE: Offers received by 10:00 A.M. (EWT) second or fourth Tuesday of each month shall be subject to acceptance by FSCC, in whole or in part, by telegram filed at Washington, D. C., not later than midnight the following Thursday.

PERFORMANCE AND PAYMENT: If the vendor fails to deliver any quantity of milk as accepted by FSCC, or a substitute lot satisfactory to FSCC, the vendor shall be liable to FSCC for the difference between the contract price and the replacement cost of such quantity. Payment of vendor's invoices will be made as soon as practicable after submission of a correct claim or claims, and payment will be contingent upon compliance with conditions set forth herein.

CONTRACT OF SALE: This announcement, together with the offer and acceptance, shall constitute the contract of sale between the vendor and the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Further details with respect to the program may be obtained by communicating with the Purchase Branch, Agricultural Marketing Administration, Washington, D. C., (Telephone- Republic 4142, Extension 4645.)

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "H. C. Albin".

H. C. Albin  
Chief, Purchase Branch  
Agricultural Marketing Administration

JUNE 1, 1942

SPECIFICATIONS FOR CANNED FOODS CASES

THESE SPECIFICATIONS SUPERSEDE THOSE CONTAINED IN FSC 1539-B AND ALL VENDORS SHALL USE THESE TYPES OF BOXES AS RAPIDLY AS EXISTING STOCKS ON HAND OR UNDER CONTRACT ARE EXHAUSTED.

CANNED FOODS MAY BE PACKED IN THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF CASES: TYPE A-FIBRE, TYPE B-WIREBOUND WOOD, TYPE C-NAILED WOOD.

## (MINIMUM SPECIFICATIONS)

WEATHERPROOF SOLID FIBRE BOXES

TYPE A: WEATHERPROOF SOLID FIBRE BOXES MUST BE ONE PIECE REGULAR SLOTTED CONSTRUCTION, METAL STITCHED BODY JOINT, IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE FOLLOWING TABLE:

TYPE	TOTAL WEIGHT (EXCLUSIVE OF BOX)	MINIMUM THICKNESS OF BOARD	MINIMUM BURSTING STRENGTH
A-1	NOT EXCEEDING 42 LBS.	.090 INCH	325 LBS.
A-2	OVER 42 LBS., BUT NOT EXCEEDING 65 LBS.	.100 INCH	375 LBS.

BOARDS SHALL FURTHER COMPLY WITH THE FOLLOWING WATERPROOFING TESTS: SPECIMENS 6" X 40", CUT FROM UNSCORED SECTIONS OF BOXES, SHALL BE COMPLETELY IMMERSED IN WATER FOR ONE HOUR, AFTER WHICH THE COMPONENT PLIES MUST NOT SEPARATE BEYOND 2" FROM THE EDGES OF THE PIECE; AFTER TOTAL IMMERSION FOR 2 1/2 HOURS SIMILAR SAMPLES MUST TEST NOT LESS THAN 50% OF THE ORIGINALLY SPECIFIED BURSTING STRENGTH, AND MUST WEIGH NOT MORE THAN 150% OF THE WEIGHT BEFORE IMMERSION.

BOTTOM FLAPS SHALL BE METAL STITCHED, TO THE EXTENT THE CANNERS' FACILITIES PERMIT, OTHERWISE BOTTOM FLAPS SHALL BE SECURELY SEALED BY GLUING OVER ALL AREAS IN CONTACT; TOP FLAPS SHALL BE SEALED BY GLUING OVER ALL AREAS IN CONTACT.

THE SEALED BOXES SHALL BE REINFORCED BY TWO FLAT OR ROUND STEEL STRAPS EACH HAVING A JOINT OR KNOT BREAKING STRENGTH OF NOT LESS THAN 290 LBS. SUCH STRAPS SHALL BE APPLIED AT RIGHT ANGLES (OVER SIDES, TOP, AND BOTTOM, AND OVER ENDS, TOP, AND BOTTOM), TOWARD CENTERS OF RESPECTIVE PANELS, BUT OVER POINTS OF CONTACT OF CANS WITH WALL OF BOX, BOX MAKER SHALL PRINT OR CLEARLY MARK ON EACH BOX THE POSITION OF THE STRAPPING, AND A GUARANTEE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SPECIFICATION. THE MARK INDICATING THE POSITION OF THE STRAPS MAY BE MADE BY KNULED IMPRESSIONS, APPROXIMATELY 3/8" WIDE, WHICH DO NOT IMPAIR THE STRENGTH OF THE BOARD.

WIREBOUND WOOD BOXES

TYPE B: ALL WIREBOUND WOOD BOXES SHALL COMPLY WITH FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS NN-5-631A, EXCEPT AS FOLLOWS: STYLES 1, 2, OR 3 BOXES, OR BOXES WITH TWISTED LOOP CLOSURES, MAY BE USED. VENEER OR SAWED BOARDS, OF THE FOLLOWING THICKNESS, SHALL BE USED:

TYPE	TOTAL WEIGHT (EXCLUSIVE OF BOX)	MINIMUM THICKNESS OF SIDES, TOP, BOTTOM, ENDS AND LINERS.		
		GROUP I WOODS	GROUP II AND GROUP III WOODS	GROUP IV WOODS
B-0	NOT EXCEEDING 42 LBS.	1/6 INCH	1/8 INCH	1/8 INCH
B-1	OVER 42 LBS., BUT NOT EXCEEDING 55 LBS.	3/16 INCH	1/7 INCH	1/8 INCH
B-2	OVER 55 LBS., BUT NOT EXCEEDING 85 LBS.	1/4 INCH	1/6 INCH	1/7 INCH
B-3	OVER 85 LBS., BUT NOT EXCEEDING 125 LBS.	5/16 INCH	3/16 INCH	1/6 INCH

NOTE-1 - THE FOLLOWING SPECIES OF GROUP I MAY BE OF THE SAME THICKNESSES PERMITTED FOR GROUP II OR III WOODS FOR SIDES, TOP, BOTTOM, AND LINERS ONLY; COTTONWOOD, CYPRESS, MAGNOLIA, NOBLE FIR AND SPRUCE.

CLEATS SHALL NOT BE LESS THAN  $13/16$ " X  $13/16$ " AND SHALL BE MADE OF GROUPS II, III OR IV WOODS.

BINDING WIRES SHALL BE NOT LESS THAN NO. 15 GAUGE (.072" DIAMETER). GIRTH WIRES SHALL BE SPACED NOT MORE THAN 6" APART. END WIRES ON STYLE NO. 3 BOXES SHALL BE SPACED NOT MORE THAN 6" FROM CLEATS OR FROM EACH OTHER.

STYLE NO. 3 BOXES SHALL HAVE 2 EDGE LINERS NOT LESS THAN  $1-1/8$ " WIDE ATTACHED TO EACH END PERPENDICULAR TO (ACROSS) THE GRAIN OF THE END BOARDS.

BOXES SHALL BE PRINTED WITH THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE MANUFACTURER AND A GUARANTEE OF COMPLIANCE WITH THIS SPECIFICATION.

NAILED WOODEN BOXES

TYPE C: BOXES SHALL BE MADE OF NEW MATERIALS OF GOOD COMMERCIAL QUALITY. ALL BOXES SHALL BE MADE OF SEASONED LUMBER HAVING A MOISTURE CONTENT NOT TO EXCEED 18%. THE PIECES SHALL SHOW NO DEFECTS THAT MATERIALLY WEAKEN THEM, EXPOSE THE CONTENTS OF THE BOX TO DAMAGE OR INTERFERE WITH NAILING. NO KNOT OR KNOT HOLE SHALL HAVE A DIAMETER EXCEEDING ONE THIRD THE WIDTH OF THE PIECE. SURFACES OF BOX PARTS SHALL BE SUFFICIENTLY SMOOTH PERMIT LEGIBLE STENCILING AND SHALL NOT BE SPLINTERY. BOXES FOR WEIGHTS NOT EXCEEDING 75 LBS. SHALL BE STYLE 1, FEDERAL SPECIFICATION NN-B-621A. BOXES FOR WEIGHTS EXCEEDING 75 LBS. SHALL BE STYLE 5 WITH TRIANGULAR CLEATS FOR ROUND OR OVAL CANS AND STYLE 4 FOR SQUARE AND OBLONG CANS.

TYPE	TOTAL WEIGHT (EXCLUSIVE OF BOX)	MINIMUM FINISHED THICKNESS OF ENDS		MINIMUM FINISHED THICKNESS OF SIDES, TOPS AND BOTTOM	
		GROUP I OR II WOODS	GROUP III OR IV WOODS	GROUP I OR II WOODS	GROUP III OR IV WOODS
C-1	NOT EXCEEDING 55 LBS.	5/8 INCH	9/16 INCH	9/32 INCH	1/4 INCH
C-2	OVER 55 LBS., BUT NOT EXCEEDING 75 LBS.	3/4 INCH	11/16 INCH	11/32 INCH	5/16 INCH
C-3	OVER 75 LBS., BUT NOT EXCEEDING 100 LBS.	3/4 INCH	11/16 INCH	11/32 INCH	5/16 INCH

EACH SIDE, TOP, AND BOTTOM SHALL BE NAILED TO EACH END PIECE WITH NOT LESS THAN FOUR SIX-PENNY CEMENT COATED BOX NAILS FOR GROUP I AND II WOODS, OR FOUR-FIVE-PENNY CEMENT COATED BOX NAILS FOR GROUPS III AND IV WOODS, SPACED NOT MORE THAN THREE INCHES APART. THE NAILED BOXES SHALL BE REINFORCED BY TWO FLAT OR ROUND STEEL STRAPS, EACH HAVING A JOINT OR KNOT BREAKING STRENGTH OF NOT LESS THAN 290 LBS., APPLIED OVER SIDES, TOP, AND BOTTOM, APPROXIMATELY  $1/6$  THE DISTANCE FROM EACH END OF THE BOX.